

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 9-12 are pending in the application. Claims 2-6 and 9-11 are allowed.

Claims 7 and 12 have been amended herein to clarify the independent power supply for the interface is independent from a line control unit of the communication terminal device.

Therefore one arbitrary communication device has at least a line control unit and an interface. The interface has a function of operating with an independent power supply, the independent power supply for the interface is independent from the line control unit.

Claims 7 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Yoneda et al. (Yoneda).

In the Office Action it is asserted on page 4 that "[t]he power supply is impendent in that each master station 11, 12 has its own power supply." It appears that it is being argued that Yoneda et al. describes the power supply to each master station 11 and 12 is independent and supplies power to its own master station.

In contrast to applicant's claims, a master station in Yoneda is not disclosed as having an interface having a function of operating with an independent power supply, the independent power supply for the interface is independent from the line control unit.

The Office Action notes that Yoneda discloses the wired LAN interface operates under the same supply as the supply for the master unit which is in contrast to the claimed invention.

In addition, in Yoneda, FIGs. 11 and 5, the interface 21a does not a function of operating with an independent power supply independent from other structural elements disclosed (especially, channel management table 22, Fig. 1, 5) in a master station 11 or 12.

Because Yoneda fails to disclose each feature of applicant's claimed invention, it is respectfully requested the rejection of claims 7 and 12 be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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